

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 were pending in the present Application when last examined. With this amendment, Applicant has amended claim 18, and cancelled claims 1-17 and 20-27 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-17 and 20-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Wang et al. (USPN 6,330,170).

Applicant has cancelled claims 1-17 and 20-27 without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby rendering moot any rejection of these claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 18 and 19 would be allowable "if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims." The Applicant has rewritten claim 18 as suggested by the Examiner. Claim 19 depends from claim 18. Thus, claims 18 and 19 should now be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above remarks and with the above amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in condition of allowance and therefore their allowance is requested. If any of the claims or the supporting arguments require further clarification or discussion, the undersigned is readily available at (415) 772-1200.

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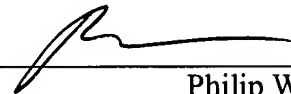
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